

AMENDMENT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees involved with added Claims and the like to Deposit Account No. 19-0033.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A method of eliminating volcano effect in dual damascene comprising the steps of:

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providing a substrate having first and second insulative layers, optionally separated from each other by an intervening etch-stop layer formed thereon said substrate;

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forming a hole opening through said first and second insulative layers;

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forming a fill material over said substrate, including in  
12 said hole opening, wherein said fill material comprises I-  
14 line photo resist;

15 removing any excess fill material over said hole opening,  
wherein said removing said any excess fill material is ac-  
complished by chemical mechanical polishing, or by etching;

18 forming a trench opening in said second insulative layer  
over said hole opening in said first insulative layer, thus  
21 completing the forming of said dual damascene structure on  
said substrate;

24 removing said fill material from said hole opening;

depositing metal in said dual damascene structure; and

27 removing excess metal to complete the forming of said dual  
damascene without the volcano effect.

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Claim 10, please cancel.